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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES GUIDANCE IN REFTELS ON PUERTO RICO ISSUE AND WILL PURSUE THE QUESTION WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS AS OPPORTUNITEIS ARISE.

2. WE WOULD RECOMMEND, HOWEVER, THAT ANY MORE FORMAL DEMARCHE IN MOSCOW BE TAILORED TO FIT SPECIFIC SOVIET CONCERNS AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP (SEE MOSCOW 3091, PARA 7, ON THE SAME POINT). WE WOULD ALSO REPEAT THAT TO BE EFFECTIVE HERE WE NEED TO START EARLY AND KEEP AT IT. A LONG-TERM, LOW-KEY APPROACH WILL PROBABLY BE AS USEFUL AS A MAJOR DEMARCHE.
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WE SHOULD NOT EXAGGERATE OUR CAPACITY TO TURN THE SOVIETS

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AROUND ON THIS ISSUE, BUT WITH A STRONG AND CAREFULLY TAILORED PRESENTATION WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO CONVINCE THEM OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF OUR CONCERN AND URGE THAT THEY LIMIT THEIR OWN LOBBYING WITH THE UNDECIDED AND PERHAPS WORK TO MODERATE THE EXCESSES OF THEIR ALLIES, INCLUDING CUBA.
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